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SUBJ: ASEAN CONSULTATIONS WITH US

1. DURING MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK APRIL 30

I REFERRED TO SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT REGARDING DESIRE FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH COUNTRIES IN AREA INCLUDING INDONESIA. I MENTIONED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT PLANS APPARENTLY NOW FIRM FOR PRESIDENT SUHARTO'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD JULY 5.

2. MALIK REPLIED THAT INDONESIA WELCOMED THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR TWO PRESIDENTS TO MEET BUT REAL CONSULTATION WITH US SHOULD TAKE PLACE MUCH SOONER IN VIEW RAPID DEVELOPMENTS IN AREA. HE WONDERED WHETHER SECRETARY'S TRAVEL SCHEDULE WOULD PERMIT THEIR MEETING SOMEWHERE IN ASIA IN MAY OR JUNE.

3. I TOLD HIM I HAD NO WORD ON SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE AND THAT IT WOULD OBVIOUSLY TAKE AWHILE FOR REAPPRAISAL OF US POLICIES TOWARD AREA. MALIK REPLIED CONSULTATIONS WITH ASEAN COUNTRIES OBVIOUSLY IMPORTANT BEFORE
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AND NOT AFTER REAPPRAISAL.

4. MALIK'S STATEMENT RAISES QUESTION WHETHER DEPARTMENT MAY NOT WISH THINK IN TERMS SOME EARLY FORMAL SOLITITATION OF VIEWS ASEAN COUNTRIES. VISIT OF SPECIAL ENVOY FROM US TO ASEAN COUNTRIES AT THIS TIME MIGHT AWAKEN HANOI SUSPICIONS WHICH THESE COUNTRIES OBVIOUSLY DESIRE AVOID. ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE SEPARATE MESSAGES FROM SECRETARY TO INDIVIDUAL FOREIGN MINISTERS REQUESTING THEIR VIEWS. NEWSOM

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